GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:263
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ISSUE OF WEAPONS AND MANPOWER SUPPORT TO VILLAGE GUARDS COUNCILS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to issue sophisticated weapons to the Village Guards and more powers support to village councils in insurgency affected states in North-East to combat insurgents;

(b) if so, the details of weapons and support likely to be given to each of the N.E. State separately; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Home Affairs has been implementing a Scheme of providing special central assistance to the North Eastern State Governments in kind for Modernisation of their Police Forces under which items like vehicles, communication equipments, arms & ammunition and other security related equipments are supplied to the State Government. However, further distribution is done by the concerned State Government.